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## **King County Interagency Coordinating Council**

### **M I N U T E S**

### **January 10, 2005**

#### **Voting Members Present**

Cheryl Buettemeier  
Sandy Duncan  
Adrienne Fatur  
Cathy Murahashi  
Charlene Robbins  
Donna Borgford-Parnell

#### **Employer**

Boyer Children's Clinic  
CHAP  
CCR  
ARC of King County Parent Coalition  
Parent  
Seattle King County Public Health

#### **Community Members**

Walt Bowen	ITEIP
Jonathan Green	Neighborhood House/Head Start
Betsy McAlister	Parent
Deena McI Iroy	Family Conversations
Tonia Morris	PSTS
Jane Place	Childhaven
Bev Sweet	Family Educator Partnership Project

#### **Staff Present**

Jan Wrathall	KC DDD
Jane Campbell	KC DDD
Elaine Goddard	KC DDD
Josh Goldfinger	KC DCHS

#### **Introductions:**

Sandy Duncan opened the meeting and asked for introductions.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

**01100501** Sandy Duncan asked everyone to review the November minutes. A correction was requested to clarify the WI SE grant bullet. Minutes were approved as corrected. Corrected minutes are posted on the KCI CC web site.

### **Community Announcements and ICC Member Reports:**

- Cathy Murahashi made an announcement about advocacy day in Olympia. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> the topic will be Birth-three Early Intervention Services. She asked everyone to get the word out to families and encourage them to attend. The day is well organized. Cathy has information to help alleviate some families' uncertainties, and is available to answer questions. Cathy is also helping to organize carpools if people are interested.  
  
Walt Bowen added that there will be a legislative reception on January 19<sup>th</sup> in the Capital Rotunda. Over 50 legislators are expected to attend, and it is a good opportunity to speak to a legislator. He stated that DD is competing with paid lobbyists, so it is important for DD families to get visibility in Olympia. Jan Wrathall will be attending the legislative reception. Anyone who is interested can contact her.
- Josh Goldfinger announced that the KCDDD Board is recruiting new members, and needs people to represent early intervention and children's interests. There is an application available on the King County web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd/board/index.htm>, or contact Michaelle Monday, (206)205-6332. The Board is looking for representatives from the general community, ethnic and cultural groups, and the child care community. They are trying to make the Board perform more in an advisory function, with most work done in committees. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:30-11:30 (they are planning to shorten the time) at the Region 4 office in Seattle.
- Tonia Morris announced that Puget Sound Therapy Services moved to a new location near Ikea in Renton. They recently hired new PT and SLTs. PSTS will be offering Sibshops again in 2005. She also announced that PC2 is sponsoring classes in Tacoma. The next one is January 24<sup>th</sup> on sensory integration techniques, the March class will be on feeding techniques.
- Sandy Duncan gave her lead FRC report. She announced a change in format for FRC Trainings. They will be offering trainings quarterly rather than monthly. The next training will be February 24, from 12:00-4:00pm at Children's Therapy Center in Kent. Future topics will include empowering parents, government programs that serve children at 0-3 level, and the Fall training will be on writing IFSP's. They are also thinking about a possible training that links to the Mental Health RSN.  
  
Sandy also announced that Seattle and the Shoreline area are at full capacity. They are doing what they can to find accommodations for clients in these areas.
- Jane Campbell reported that Region 4 announced at the KC Board meeting that DSHS DDD will be moving all 0-3 children onto supervisory caseloads. All families receiving paid services through DSHS DDD will be assigned a case manager. Region 4, the County and several FRC's will be meeting to discuss the transition. Sandy suggested

having this topic discussed at the next ICC meeting. Jan will look into getting someone to come give a presentation.

- Jan Wrathall passed out a flyer for an upcoming conference January 22, called "From Crib to Classroom – Playing to Learn". Topics focus on school readiness projects.

### **Family Educator Partnership Project**

Bev Sweet gave a presentation on the Family Educator Partnership Project (FEPP). This project is intended to help parents be good advocates in schools and community settings. FEPP is a state-wide project that focuses on special education services. Bev passed out a folder of materials that included a list of the project's goals. She went over the goals, and explained what FEPP is doing to reach them. She encouraged families to use the information in the Family Educator Guide and share information with educators. They want to open lines of communication, so the community understands the costs and benefits of special-ed, and encourage a culture of inclusiveness. FEPP also focuses on post-school outcomes. They try to keep the student mindful of the end goal which is to be part of the general community. Bev also acts as a liaison to help families find resources and become advocates for their child's education. She encourages districts to give parents the tools and information they need to get results in the school system. She also helps districts reach out to preschools, and helps students transition out of school. Bev works with most school district's in King County and a few in Pierce County. Additional information and packets are available from Bev.

Jan asked about the early learning benchmarks/school readiness, packet that came from the state. She wondered if the FEPP had recommendations around these benchmarks for children with special needs. Bev would like to see more functional skills in the state requirements. She currently sits on a state committee, and tries to get them to include more individualized targets to take into account different types of children our school system serves.

### **King County DD Plan**

Josh Goldfinger shared information on the County's effort to link the KCDDD overall plan to the 3-year Early Intervention Plan. King County will integrate the 3-year plan into the Division's plan. They are currently, gathering data, collecting reports, and mapping gateways of access to services. They will compile data over the next couple of weeks, and then a planning committee will review the data and frame key issues. The planning committee is looking for representatives from the ICC to attend a retreat on January 22. Donna and Charlene volunteered. Once the plan is drafted, Josh would like the ICC to review the document before it goes out for public comment. In order to do that within the timelines, Jan suggested the ICC convene before the next scheduled meeting, in

order to give input. A special meeting will be held February 28, from 10:30-12:00 at the Region 4 offices in Seattle. The Region and County have agreed to complete a new biennial plan by July 1, 2005.

### **New Business**

- Adrienne gave a brief update on Action Agenda activities. The group has decided to focus on a public awareness campaign. They plan to do research to find who is being reached, who is not, and how to reach out to them. Jan indicated that King County is serving at 2.2% which is the prevalence rate. Since this is the case, we need to focus on the questions of who is not getting the message and why referrals aren't being made earlier. Walt offered to share the information that was compiled by the State while putting together the "Babies Can't Wait" campaign.
- Jan Wrathall announced there will be a reduction in the State ITEIP allocation. DD management is looking for ways to reach Federal legislators to express concerns. Jan also stated that the Federal Part C allocation was not increased, preschool was kept static, and Part B increased.
- Public comment will be taken on reauthorization until February 28. Jan can provide a copy of the summary of changes made by the Infant Toddler Coordinators Association to anyone who is interested.
- There will be a meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 am, for input to the State Early Learning Benchmarks. The KCDDD Board supports the concept, but would like more focus on special needs children.
- The City of Seattle has early learning networks. Contact Jan for more information.
- Walt Bowen passed out information on the January 2005 ITEIP program update. Give him a call for questions regarding ITEIP. He also mentioned an issue with insurance. A survey went out to providers regarding payer of last resort. Jan would like to know about any insurance issues. Walt also announced a new autism center in Tacoma, and that the Autism Summit is coming up. He also announced that the Muckleshoot Tribe will no longer be contracting with the State. They feel they are able to provide services without State money.

### **Next Meeting:**

A special Plan Review Meeting will be held February 28, 10:30-12:00 at the Region 4 offices, Capital Hill Room.

The next KCI CC General Meeting will be March 14, 2005, 12:00-2:00pm at WorkSource in Renton.